Number of aircrafts with Indian Airlines by the end of 1993

2845. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the A-320 aircraft expected to join the Indian Airlines fleet by the end of 1993;

(b) what is the existing number of A-320 aircraft with Indian Airlines and how many of these aircraft would require replacement by the end of 1993;

(c) what is the number of Boeing 737 aircraft that have since been grounded permanently and those which are currently in operation; and

(d) how Government propose to manage the operations growth in passenger traffic by 1993?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Seven.

(b) At present Indian Airlines has 18 A-320 aircraft of which none is due for replacement by the end of 1993.

(c) All the 23 Boeing 737 aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines are currently in operation.

(d) The growth in passenger traffic in 1993 would be met with the induction of seven new A-320 aircraft.

Visit by foreign tourists to Assam

2846. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign tourists that visited Assam during 1991-92; and

(b) what are the total number of applications from the foreign tourists received by the Government for visiting Assam?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) According to the information available from the State Government the number of foreign tourists who visited Assam during 1991 is estimated to be 385.

(b) The relevant statistics are not available.

Air India flight recalled after one hour

2847. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New York bound Air India flight with 364 passengers was recalled one hour after it had taken off from the Indira Gandhi International Airport on 2-3-1992; and

(b) if so, what are reasons therefor and whether any action has been taken for lapse on this account?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) On March 2, 1992 the New York bound Air India flight which took off from Indira Gandhi International Airport was recalled after 1 hour 35 minutes when it was noticed that one piece of checked baggage of a passenger, who had missed the flight, was on board. This was done as a matter of abundant security precaution. The official responsible has been placed under suspension and departmental proceedings instituted against him.

Indian Pilots Guild's Directives to Air India Management

2848. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Pilots Guild has issued a directive to Air India Management to allocate a crew of two commanders and one first officer for every long distance flight failing which they would not operate on such sectors; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in respect thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL